

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3724
PATENT APPLICATION

35.C11946

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Akira FUNAKOSHI et al.

Application No.: 08/801,464

Filed: February 18, 1997

For: SUBSTRATE CUTTING METHOD
AND SUBSTRATE CUTTING
APPARATUS

Examiner: C. Dexter

Group Art Unit: 3724

December 5, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the final Office Action dated June 5, 2001 for three months from September 5, 2001 to December 5, 2001.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$920.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this petition is enclosed.

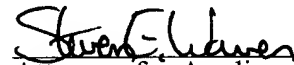
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Respectfully submitted,



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